Acting Teachers in the Muvattupuzha Division.

9 *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether teachers acting in permanent vacancies in the Muvattupuzha Division were relieved before the vacation began, and, if so, why?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): *First Part.*—Yes.

Second Part,—They were relieved in favour of their seniors or persons with higher qualifications in the waiting list.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member whether men with lesser qualifications were appointed on the plea of seniority?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes. Because their names are in the waiting list.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether these persons were in service when men of better qualifications were standing outside?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Will the member kindly repeat the question?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): These persons were relieved in preference to other persons. I should like to know whether these persons were better qualified and with more seniority than the persons who were waiting outside?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Some of them may have been appointed earlier and some of them may have been appointed later.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know whether the persons of less qualifications were appointed because others were not available?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Partly so.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Was similar action taken in the other Divisions as well?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

Supply of Drinking Water to the Sabarimala Temple.

10 *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of expenditure for providing good drinking water during the last festival occasion at Sabarimala;

(*b*) whether they were successful in the attempt of taking water to the temple by laying pipes from Kumbhalam *Tedu* to the temple; and

(*c*) if not, whether there is any other scheme before them by which good drinking water can be supplied to the temple?

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